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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PARATROOP MUTINY: SITREP NO. TWENTY

1. THIS IS SITUATION AS OF 8:00 A.M. NOV 26 IN LISBON.

2. GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE THINGS UNDER CONTROL, BUT
THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF INSTABILITY, SOME POSSIBLY SERIOUS.

--MUTINOUS PARATROOPS REOCCUPIED TANCOS AIR BASE
DURING EARLY HOURS THIS MORNING. THUS FAR THEY HAVE NOT
BEEN DISLODGED, AND GOVERNMENT IS CALLING UPON THEM TO
DESIST VOLUNTARILY FROM OCCUPATION.

--THERE IS HEAVY FIRING GOING ON NOW AT MILITARY POLICE
BARRACKS BESIDE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN BELEM. SITUATION THERE IS
CONFUSED, ACCORDING TO EMBOFF PRESENT ON SCENE.

3. EMISSORA NACIONAL (EN) REMAINS UNDER FIRM GOVERNMENT
CONTROL. STATION BROADCAST MAINLY MUSIC THROUGHOUT
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NIGHT, INTERSPERSED WITH OCCASIONAL GOP BULLETINS. AT 8:00 A.M.

EN STATED THAT OTA, MONTE REAL, MONTIJO, AND MONSANTO AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS WERE UNDER GOP CONTROL. DID NOT COMMENT ON SITUATION AT TANCOS. EN IS ALSO CARRYING A CALL BY COSTA GOMES FOR WORKERS NOT TO OBEY ANY UNION APPEALS FOR WORK STOPPAGES TODAY. (PCP AND INTERSINDICAL THUS FAR HAVE REMAINED OFFICIALLY VERY QUIET THROUGHOUT REBELLION.)

4. LISBON CURFEW WAS NOT OBSERVED FULLY FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5:00 A.M., BUT CITY WAS VERY QUIET DURING NIGHT-- EXCEPT FOR SITUATION AROUND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. MORNING RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC IS MUCH LIGHTER THAN USUAL; HOWEVER, CITY PRESENTS OUTWARDLY NORMAL APPEARANCE--PEDESTRIANS ON STREETS, BUSSES AND TROLLEYS RUNNING AS USUAL, STORES OPEN FOR BUSINESS. WEATHER IS CLEAR AND COOL. AIRPORT IS OPEN AND CIVILIAN FLIGHTS ARE OPERATING ON NORMAL SCHEDULES. CARLUCCI

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